

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I 32-99

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: POST HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO CalWORKs IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of changes that have been made to CalWORKs implementing regulations since they became effective July 1, 1998. These changes were made primarily in response to public testimony received by the Department.

VOUCHER/VENDOR PAYMENTS REGULATIONS PACKAGE ORD #0498-10; FINAL EFFECTIVE DATE FEBRUARY 9, 1999

Sections 44-307.3 and .4 were added to insure that counties have procedures in place to accommodate recipients who wish to withhold all or part of their rent due to untenable living situations or who notify the county welfare department that they intend to move.

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS REGULATIONS PACKAGE ORD #0398-05; FINAL EFFECTIVE DATE JANUARY 19, 1999

In sections 89-130(d) and (g) the word "any" has been added for clarity to indicate that all educational expenditures are acceptable uses for funds withdrawn from a restricted account.

IMMUNIZATION/SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS PACKAGE ORD #0398-04; FINAL EFFECTIVE DATE FEBRUARY 10, 1999

Section 11-501.3 was adopted to instruct counties that when they have authority to adopt specific standards which affect an applicant's eligibility, grant amount, or supportive services, those standards shall be in writing and shall be available to the public. This section was adopted in response to public testimony and to ensure equitable treatment in these situations. This section applies in all situations in which the county has authority to adopt standards.

Common immunization abbreviations that parents and eligibility workers are likely to see in a child's immunization record have been added to the recommended immunization table found at Handbook Section 40-105.4(b)(1). These abbreviations have been added to make it easier for parents and county workers to interpret immunization records.

A table entitled "Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children not Immunized in the First Year of Life" has been added at Handbook Section 40-105.4(b)(2). This table was inadvertently omitted in the first filing.

Section 40-105.4(d) has been amended to clarify that 1) counties have discretion in defining what constitutes acceptable verification of immunization, and 2) in intercounty transfer cases, applicants or recipients should not be required to resubmit duplicate verification of immunization. Since AB 1542 does not define "acceptable" verification, the Department felt that allowing counties discretion in this area would help counties and the local medical community develop methods to best comply with this new regulation. Also, Section 40-188.136 has been adopted to instruct counties that as part of the intercounty transfer procedure the first county shall provide documentation of age appropriate immunizations to the second county when the AU contains a child(ren) under the age of six. It was the original intent of the Department that applicants and recipients not be required to duplicate efforts in complying with the verification provision. By requiring the first county to provide a copy of the most recent verification to the second county, the second county can determine whether the child's immunizations need updating.

Sections 40-131.3(x) and (y) and 40-181.1(m) and (n) have been amended to specify that applicants shall also be informed of any county-specific standards to implement the immunization requirements and the school attendance provisions. This includes the criteria for what constitutes good cause as defined by the county. Historically applicants have been routinely informed of any requirements which impacted eligibility or grant amount. This amendment is necessary to ensure that this practice continues.

ELIMINATION OF LATE MONTHLY REPORTING PENALTIES REGULATIONS
PACKAGE ORD #0498-12; FINAL EFFECTIVE DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 1999

In response to testimony, Section 40-181.243 has been amended to eliminate references to evidence supporting dependent care expenses or child support paid because these deductions are no longer appropriate.

In addition to the above regulations packages, the Overpayment Recoupment regulations package became effective February 2, 1999. No changes were made to that package subsequent to their original filing.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above program areas, please contact the following CalWORKs program staff: Immunization/School Attendance/Voucher Vendor payments: Shirley Ruiz at (916) 654-6127; Restricted Accounts: Linda Okupe at (916) 653-6161; Monthly Reporting: Cora Myers at (916) 654-2236; Overpayments/Underpayments: Cheryl Arias at (916) 653-4992.

Sincerely,
***Original Document Signed by
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